

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-12 are now in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 7-12 have been added.

Support for the subject matter of newly added claim 7 can be found in claim 1.

Support for the subject matter of newly added claim 8 can be found on page 6, lines 8-22, of the instant application.

In the second paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the drawings have been objected to for lacking descriptive legends "necessary for understanding of the drawings" under 37 CFR 1.83(o). Enclosed are new drawings of Figs. 1 and 2 with descriptive legends.

In item 3 on page 2 of the Office action, claims 1 and 5 have been rejected as being anticipated by Ozeki (JP 408-251370) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The rejection has been considered and claim 1 has been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. Support for the changes is found, for

example, in the drawings of the instant application, and on page 4, lines 4-6, ("the subscriber line unit provides the required transmission characteristic and thus also the required line termination characteristic") of the specification.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 1 (similarly claim 8) as amended calls for, inter alia:

at least one subscriber terminal for inputting call numbers;

at least one subscriber line unit connected between said at least one subscriber terminal and the transmission network of the communications system, each of said at least one subscriber line unit having an adjustable transmission characteristic **and an adjustable line termination characteristic**;

a separate recognition unit connected to the transmission network for recognizing a particular call number pattern and for outputting a control signal corresponding to a recognized particular call number pattern; and

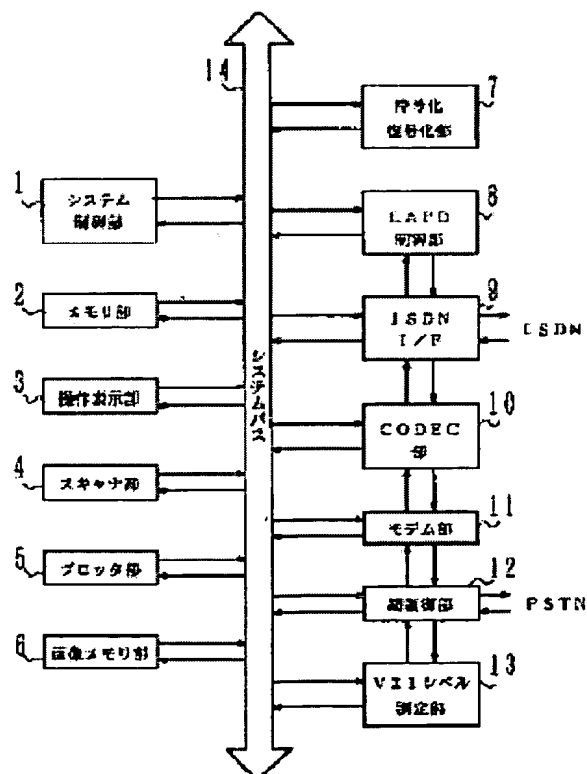
a separate control unit connected between said recognition unit and said subscriber line unit for adjusting the adjustable transmission characteristic of

said subscriber line unit in dependence on the control signals output by said recognition unit.

The English abstract of Ozeki states:

PURPOSE: To obtain a facsimile equipment having a G3 protocol function and setting a transmission level in response to a destination at the start of transmission.
 CONSTITUTION: A receiver side has a V21 level measurement section 13 measuring MODEM information including an AGC value and an EQM value based on a V21 signal or the like sent from a sender side and adds the MODEM information to an MCF signal and the resulting signal is sent to the sender side. Furthermore, the sender side has a memory section 2 storing the MODEM information and an incoming number sent from the receiver side, and when information is sent to a same called number again, a transmission level of the V21 signal and the carrier signal and the communication speed are set based on the MODEM information corresponding to the called number.

Fig. 1 of Ozeki is re-produced below:



Clearly, Ozeki does not disclose a ***separate control unit connected between said recognition unit and said subscriber line unit***, as recited in claims 1 and 8 of the instant application. Therefore, the invention as recited in claims 1 and 8 of the instant application is believed not to be anticipated by Ozeki.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that Ozeki do not show the features of claims 1 and 8. Claims 1 and 8 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and because claims 2-7 are ultimately dependent on claim 1 and claims 9-13 are ultimately dependent on claims 8, they are believed to be patentable as well.

Considering the deficiencies of the primary reference Ozeki, it is believed not to be necessary at this stage to address the secondary references Schwartz (US 4,805,208) and Fette et al. (US 5,612,948) applied in the rejection of claims 2 and 3 in items 6 and 8 on pages 4 and 5, respectively, and whether or not there is sufficient suggestion or motivation with a reasonable expectation of success for modifying or combining the references as required by MPEP § 2143.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13 are solicited.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of two months pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$ 410.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIG 1

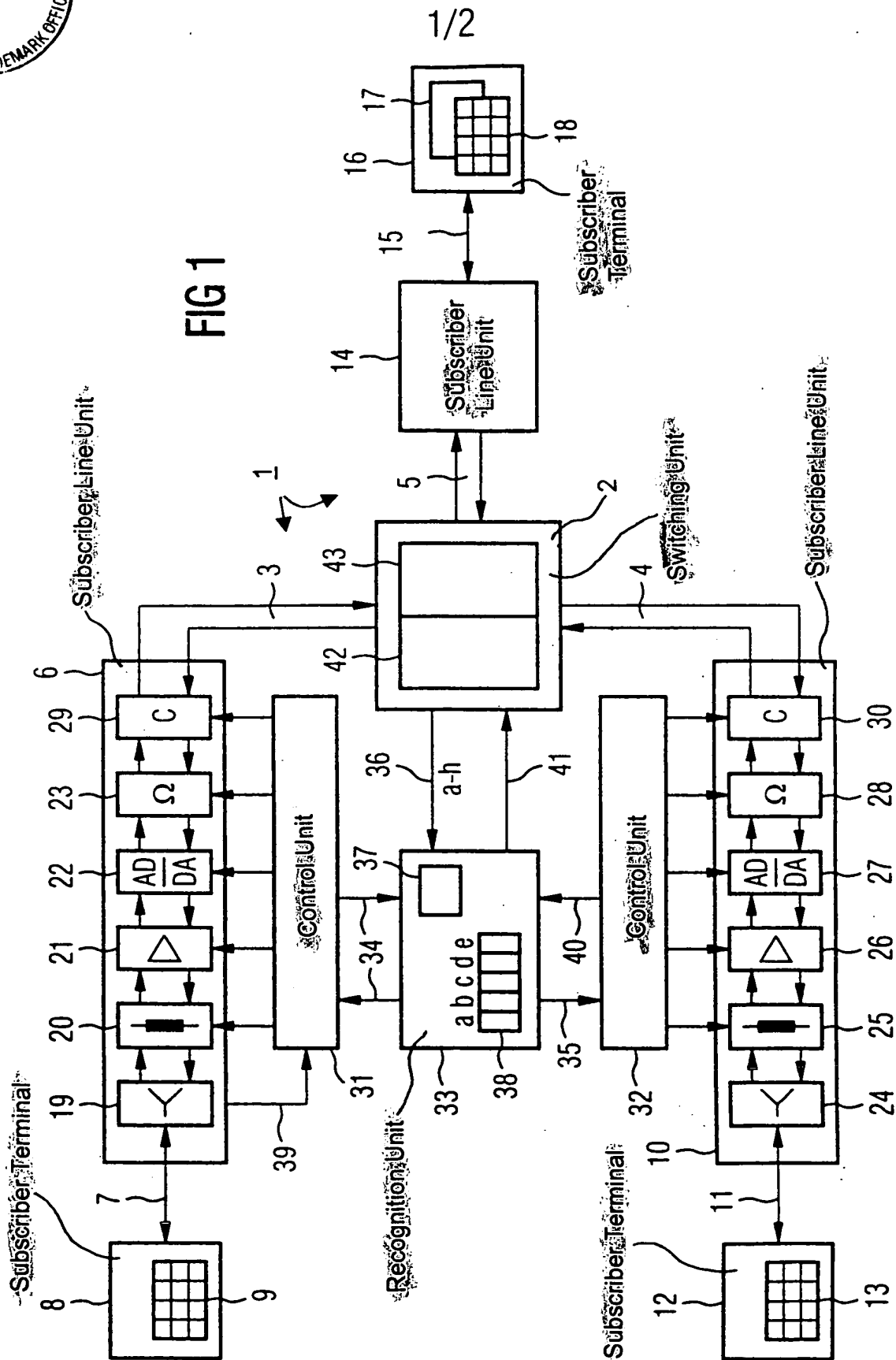


FIG 2

